

“Guarantee of Glory”

Romans 8:18-27

I. CREATION: "groans and suffers" (vv.18-22)

A. Afflictions: "sufferings...glory" (v.18)

B. Anticipation: "creation waits eagerly" (v.19)

1. Expectancy: "anxious longing" (v.19a)
2. Exhibition: "the revealing of the sons of God" (v.19b)

C. Adjudication: "creation was subjected" (vv.20-22)

1. Limitation: "subjected to futility" (v.20a)
2. Liberation: "will be set free" (vv.20b-21)
3. Lamentation: "the whole creation groans" (v.22)

II. CHRISTIANS: "groan within ourselves" (vv.23-27)

A. Adoption: "waiting for our adoption as sons" (v.23)

1. Token: "having the first-fruits of the Spirit" (v.23a)
 - a. Down Payment: "first-fruits"
 - b. Deep Sigh: "groan within ourselves"
2. Transformation: "the redemption of our body" (v.23b)
 - a. Spiritually: "waiting eagerly for our adoption"
 - b. Physically: "the redemption of our body"

B. Assurance: "in hope we have been saved" (vv.24-25)

1. Expectation: "hope that is seen is not hope" (v.24)
2. Endurance: "with perseverance we wait" (v.25)

C. Assistance: "Spirit Himself intercedes" (vv.26-27)

1. Provides: "helps our weaknesses" (v.26)
2. Pleads: "intercedes for the saints" (v.27)